

APPLICATION FOR THE  
INDEPENDENT CITIZENS REDISTRICTING COMMISSION

10/3/14  
2013

Please complete this section legibly.

Name of Applicant: Hexsel Maria Cantú  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

Voter Registration Number (VUID): 1132999874

Residence Address (must be a fixed location in the City of Austin):

312 W. Annie Austin TX 78704  
(Street Address) (City) (State) (Zip)

Mailing Address (if different from Residence Address)

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(Street Address or PO Box) (City) (State) (Zip)

Contact Phone: 512-441-2001 or 512-619-6381

Contact Email Address: mtc21170@hotmail.com

Spouse's Name: Hexsel Ricardo  
(Last) (First) (Middle) (Suffix)

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Please check YES or NO by each requirement. If you answer YES to question one (1), you may skip questions four (4) and five (5).

1. Are you a student enrolled in a community college or university in the City of Austin? ☐ Yes ☒ No
2. Do you reside in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
3. Are you registered to vote in the City of Austin? ☒ Yes ☐ No
4. Have you been continuously registered to vote in the City of Austin for the five years immediately preceding the date on which you submit this application? ☒ Yes ☐ No
5. Please indicate whether you voted in the following City of Austin general elections (or corresponding runoff if applicable):

City of Austin General Elections	Candidate Response
May 12, 2012	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 14, 2011	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 9, 2009	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
May 10, 2008	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
May 13, 2006	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No



**Conflicts of Interest**

The information below is required to help the City Auditor identify any conflict of interest you may have.

<b>Within 5 years of the application date, have you or your spouse:</b>	
Been appointed to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been elected to a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a candidate for a state or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of a political party?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Served as an officer, employee, or paid consultant of the campaign committee of a candidate for elective state, county, or city office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Been a registered state or local lobbyist?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>Within 3 years of the application date, have you or your spouse been:</b>	
A paid employee of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to the City of Austin or the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
A controlling person of a person performing paid services under a professional or political contract to any member of the City Council of the City of Austin?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
<b>In the last City Election did you or your spouse:</b>	
Contribute or bundle one thousand dollars (\$1,000) or more in aggregate to candidates for City of Austin elective office?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No



**Personal Background Information**

- **Ethnicity:** Hispanic
- **Race:** White
- **Gender:** ☐ Male ☒ Female
- **Age: (Please check your response)**  
☐ 18 to 24    ☐ 25 to 34    ☒ 35 to 44    ☐ 45 to 54    ☐ 55 to 64    ☐ 65+
- **Education level: (Please check any that apply)**  
☐ High School Diploma or GED  
☐ Some College (major \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ Associate's Degree (major \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ Bachelor's Degree (major \_\_\_\_\_)  
☒ Post-Graduate Degree, indicate highest degree attained: (subject J.D.)

**Qualifications**

**Please describe your relevant analytical skills.**

I have worked professionally as a civil litigation attorney for over seventeen years. I handle all phases of legal matters involving allegations of general negligence, medical malpractice, premises liability, products liability, construction defect, and employment discrimination. Each case requires that I utilize my abilities to research and understand the applicable law, apply the law to a particular set of facts, and analyze and apply expert testimony on any given matter. My work as a litigator requires that I use my education, background, training and expertise to effectively represent my clients.





**Please describe your ability to be impartial.**

My father was involved in city government for 30 years in the small town where I was raised, first as a city councilmember and then as city mayor. His service taught me a great deal about the important role of municipal government in our everyday lives. Public policy has always been a personal interest, and I made a point of incorporating it in both my college curriculum and my legal studies. I strongly believe that government works best when it reflects the full diversity of the community it represents. I understand that should I be chosen to serve on this commission, I would be serving the community as a whole to ensure that everyone has an equal voice.

**Please describe your appreciation for the City of Austin's diverse demographics and geography.**

I was raised in the Rio Grande Valley, attended university in San Antonio, and lived in Lubbock for almost 4 years, while attending law school and beginning my career as an attorney. The Rio Grande Valley and Lubbock are two extreme examples of a lack of diverse demographics and geography. I would never trade my upbringing in the valley or my time in law school, however, living in these places has led me to a stark appreciation of the diverse demographics and geography unique to this City.

I served for almost a decade on the Leadership Council for the American Lung Association here in Austin. This brought me in contact with people of diverse backgrounds from different parts of the city who join together in a common cause. Further, the time I have spent with 8th graders at Fulmore Middle School as part of an annual essay competition by the Education Outreach Committee for the Hispanic Bar Association of Austin has taught me how critical community involvement is to the support of our teachers and students.

I have always loved Austin because it embodies the diversity that makes up this great State. I came to Austin as a young attorney in 1997, over time, all five of my siblings have made Austin their home too - from Western Oaks in far South Austin, to Scofield Ridge in far North Austin, to Central Austin's Rosedale neighborhood - so I have personal reasons to treasure the unique qualities of each part of town.



**Please provide any other information you wish to be considered during the selection of the most qualified applicants for the Commission.**

Since 1997, I have grown in my profession, married, started a family and become a homeowner. My oldest daughter is in first grade at Becker Elementary, where her younger sister will follow. I want a strong municipal government not just for the future of my children, but for all who live in this city. I strongly desire to use my background and expertise in a manner that will serve the public, and I understand the important and historic nature of this Commission. I would proudly do my best to serve all the people of Austin.



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**DISCLAIMER**

**By submitting this application, I understand that I am giving the City Auditor permission to release my information to the public. In particular, I affirmatively consent to the release of the contact email address I have provided.**

**If I am appointed, my address, contact phone number and contact email address will be included on the City of Austin's website.**

**I understand my application is public information under the Texas Public Information Act. The information will be kept according to the City Auditor's records retention policies.**

**I understand that my participation on the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission is voluntary.**

**I understand the duties and terms of service for the Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission as described above.**

**Under penalty of law, I swear or affirm that the preceding information in this application is in all things true and correct.**

  
Signature of Applicant

2/22/13  
Date

